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Letter dated 22 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of South Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I regret to inform you that I have received reports today that the Republic of Sudan conducted aerial bombardments on 21 and 22 May inside South Sudanese territory, in the locality of Warguet in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state. Additionally, on 15 May, Sudan Armed Forces and militia forces launched a ground attack on the village of Wadakona in South Sudan's Upper Nile state.

These attacks suggest that the Republic of Sudan is seeking once more to undermine the ongoing efforts of President Thabo Mbeki to reconvene the parties for the negotiations mandated by the Security Council in its resolution 2046 (2012). My Government has already declared its willingness to restart negotiations immediately and without preconditions, in full respect of the timelines determined by the African Union and endorsed by the Security Council. We are concerned that the Republic of Sudan is trying to delay the process by insisting that the parties should agree on the agenda prior to the resumption of talks. When President Salva Kiir received President Mbeki in Juba this week, he reiterated South Sudan's position that talks should restart immediately, and further invited President Mbeki to issue a detailed agenda to the parties. In the meantime, we respectfully ask the Security Council to condemn the Sudan's continued acts of aggression and to repeat its demands that aerial bombardments of South Sudan by Sudan stop immediately and that the parties return to negotiations.

I would be most grateful if this letter could be circulated to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

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